# **PH&N Inflation-Linked Bond Fund**

#### **Investment Objective**

Management Company

Web Site

The fundamental investment objective of the Fund is to generate interest income that is hedged against inflation by investing primarily in real return bonds and inflation linked bonds issued or guaranteed by Canadian and foreign governments and corporations.

#### **Fund Details** Series Load Structure Currency Fund Code RBF5650 No Load CAD Inception Date June 2009 Total Fund Assets \$Mil 85.8 Series F NAV \$ 10.61 Series F MER % 0.38 Benchmark FTSE TMX Canada Real Return Bond Index Income Distribution Quarterly Capital Gains Distribution Annually Sales Status Open Min. Investment \$ 500 Subsequent Investment \$ **Fund Category** Canadian Inflation Protected Fixed Income

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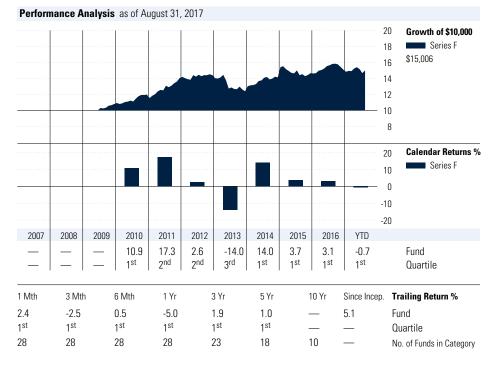


Fixed Income Breakdown	% Fixed Income
Government Bonds	99.4
Corporate Bonds	0.0
Other Bonds	0.0
Mortgage Backed Securities	0.0
ST Investments (Cash & Other)	0.6
Asset Backed Securities	0.0

Bond Rating	%	Term to Maturity	%
Cash / Cash Equiv.	0.6	Under 1 year	0.6
AAA	88.9	1 - 5 Yrs	15.4
AA	10.5	5 - 10 Yrs	18.6
A	0.0	Over 10 Yrs	65.4
BBB	0.0		
Below BBB	0.0	Avg. Term to	17.6
Mortgages	0.0	maturity (Yrs)	
NR/NA	0.0	Duration (Yrs)	15.0
		Yield to Maturity	2.1

Geographic Allocations	% Assets
Canada	100.0
United States	0.0
International (ex-Emerging Markets)	0.0
Emerging Markets	0.0

Canada Govt 0.75% 01-09-2021 1. Canada Govt 0.5% 01-12-2050 1	4.1 3.1 1.4 0.8
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Canada Govt 2% 01-12-2041 1	
Canada Govt 4.25% 01-12-2026 1	0.1
Canada Govt 1.5% 01-12-2044	8.6
Canada Govt 1.25% 01-12-2047	6.9
Canada Govt 3% 01-12-2036	6.5
Canada Govt 1.5% 01-06-2026	6.0
Ontario Prov Cda 2.42388% 01-12-2036	4.4
Total % of Top 10 Holdings 9	1.8
Total Number of Stock Holdings	0
Total Number of Bond Holdings	17
Total Number of Other Holdings	1
Total Number of Holdings	18



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# Management Overview

### **Manager Bios**

#### **PH&N Fixed Income Team**

With one of the largest bond desks in Canada consisting of over 30 investment professionals, Phillips, Hager & North Investment Management (PH&N IM) has been managing bonds since 1970 and currently manages fixed income portfolios according to strict quality and diversification guidelines. PH&N IM's strengths as a bond manager are directly related to its depth of resources - both people and technology - dedicated to the management of fixed income portfolios.

Performance Analysis	s Cont'd as o	of August 3	31, 201	7							
Distributions (\$)/Unit	YTD*	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Total Distributions	0.63	0.20	0.27	0.68	0.61	0.54	0.48	0.57	0.06	_	_
Interest	0.63	0.20	0.27	0.68	0.61	0.54	0.48	0.33	0.05	_	_
Dividends	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Capital Gains	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	0.24	0.01	_	_
Return Of Capital	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Best/Worst Periods %	Ended	1 Yr		Ended	3 Yr	Ended		5 Yr	'r Ended		10 Yr
Best	1-2012	22.9	6	-2012	12.5	2-2015		7.5	_		_
Worst	12-2013	-14.0	10	-2015	-0.3	7-2017		0.3	_		_
Average		5.4			4.5			4.3			_
No. of Periods		87			63	63		39			_
Pct. Positive		74.7			96.8			100.0			

<sup>\*</sup> Distributions are characterized into income type at year-end.

### Quarterly Commentary as at June 30, 2017

The Fund had decent returns this guarter and finished ahead of its benchmark, the FTSE TMX Canada Real Return Bond Index, following two previous challenging quarters. Real interest rates fell marginally, but do not have to change much to affect returns given the Fund's long duration. Looking closer, the real yield curve flattened, causing short real rates (five-year) to increase and long real rates (30-year) to decrease. The Fund was well positioned for this flattening move, and it contributed to relative outperformance versus its benchmark. Inflation, to which the principal amounts of the bonds in the Fund are linked, faded somewhat over the quarter. Canada's headline inflation (CPI) dropped to 1.3% year over year after reaching 2.1% in the first quarter. The Bank of Canada (BoC), however, appears to be viewing this decline as temporary, as speculation builds that the BoC will increase the overnight target rate later this year. For investors in the Fund, real

purchasing power will be maintained over the long term regardless of the magnitude of actual inflation, thanks to the linkage to CPI.

Strategically, in addition to being well positioned for the flattening yield curve, we continued to take advantage of "inefficiencies" in the real return bond market, including price differences amongst the various maturities of real return bonds (RRBs). These strategies contributed to performance over the quarter. The Fund also maintained an allocation to provincial and corporate RRBs to enhance yield, although these positions are constrained by tight supply in these sectors. With the Fund's real yield at approximately 0.5% - still low by historical standards - it remains susceptible to negative performance if real rates continue to rise.

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